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Arrivals.

December 21, TERESA, Spanish bark, 261, F. Barredo, Tablas 30th November, Timber.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

December 21, LEE YUEN, Chinese steamer, 737, Tisdall, Shanghai 17th December, General.—C. M. S. Co.

December 21, BANGALORE, British str., 1,178, Wm. Seames, Shanghai 18th December, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

December 21, PALMA, German bark, 229, Binge, Chefoo 11th December, General. —CHINUSE.

December 21, CORINNE, British bark, 395, Thos. Laidman, Whampoa December 19th, General.—BOURJAU & Co.

December 21, H.M.S. AVON, Fowlett, from Canton.

December 21, H.M.S. ELK, R. H. Harris, from Canton.

December 21, BOMBAY, British str., 1,327, Davis, Yokohama 15th December, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

December 21, GOLCONDA, British steamer, 1,253, S. D. Shallard, Bombay 1st Dec., Galle 7th, Penang 12th, and Singapore 15th, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Departures.

December 21, ANADYR, str., for Shanghai.
December 21, REGALIA, str., for Saigon.
December 21, AGAMEMNON, str., for Singapore and London.
December 21, AJAX, str., for Shanghai.
December 21, HANS, for New York.
December 21, FERDINAND BRUMM, for San Francisco.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, DECEMBER 21st.

Hans, for New York.
Ferdinand Brumm, for San Francisco.
Agamemnon, str., for Singapore and London.
Regalia, str., for Saigon.
Milton, str., for Swatow.
Ajax, str., for Shanghai.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.

Per *Golconda*, str., from Bombay, &c.:—
For Hongkong,
From Southampton.—Deputy Inspector Morgan, C.B., and Mr. J. Lamprell. From Penang. —9 Chinese. From Singapore.—Capt. Salserthwaite.
For Shanghai.
For Southampton.—Messrs. T. Curley and E. Silk.
For Yokohama.
From Southampton.—Messrs. J. Pollock, A. Young, and Seki.

Per *Bangalore*, str., from Shanghai:—
For Hongkong.—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cox and servant, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Miss Reed, Miss Blanchard, Capt. F. Thomson, R.N., Messrs. Cordes, E. Bridge, J. Jones, H. Hutchings, J. Cotter, Louis Henry, J. Kay, Stephens, J. Muller, A. Care, and G. C. Brooks, (distressed British subject,) 27 Chinese, 1 Chinese lady, and 1 boy. For Suez.—Messrs. R. W. Hemmers, Chadwick, J. Spilling, Bottomley, E. Renard, and H. G. Caprani. For Venice.—Mr. J. Goddard. For Brindisi.—Messrs. J. Vanderslice and E. Dessaen.
Per *Bombay*, str., from Yokohama:—
Mrs. Brunton, Mr. Yates, Pistorius Anand, Thiel, S. Sanuilensko, 5 seamen and 18 Chinese.
Per *Palma*, from Chefoo:—
21 Chinese.
Per *Lee-yuen*, str., from Shanghai:—
51 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Agamemnon*, str., for Singapore, &c.:—
For London.—Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Rogers and child, Captains Barclay and Russell, Messrs. P. Orme, J. H. Campbell, and James Johnson, and 3 distressed seamen.
Per *Regalia*, str., for Saigon:—
177 Chinese.
Per *Ajax*, str., for Shanghai:—
4 Chinese.

Reports.

The Spanish bark *Teresa* reports left Tablas on 30th November, and had moderate and light monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The German bark *Palma* reports left Chefoo on 11th December, and had moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout the passage.

The P. & O. steamship *Bangalore* reports left Shanghai on 18th December, and had light winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

The Chinese steamship *Lee-yuen* reports left Shanghai on 17th December. Had light variable winds to the Lamocks; since then Northerly winds to arrival. On Sunday, passed the French brig *Valentine* of Hava, and a Chinese gun-boat. Passed Breaker Point last night and saw nothing of the wreck of the *Japan*.

The P. & O. steamship *Bombay* reports left Yokohama on 15th December. Along the Japan Coast had moderate S. Westerly winds; from thence to the China Sea moderate N. Westerly winds. In Formosa Channel light S.W. winds to arrival. Passed the steamship *Colorado* off Cape Chichakoff. Outside the Ly-ee-moon Pass, passed an American man-of-war.

The P. & O. steamer *Golconda* sailed from Bombay December 1st, at 6.25 p.m. Experienced light winds and fine weather to Cape Comorin, from thence to Galle strong N.E. winds, and fine weather; arrived December 5th, at 4.30 p.m.; sailed December 7th, at 5.30 a.m. To Pulo Condo light N.W. winds and fine weather; from thence to Penang light N. E. winds; arrived on 12th Dec., at 4.30 a.m.; sailed at 6.20 p.m., and arrived in Singapore on the 14th, at 10.10 a.m. Experienced light and variable winds and fine weather throughout. Sailed Dec. 15th, at 5.30 a.m., with light N.E. winds and fine weather. On arriving in lat. 10 N. long 112 E., experienced fresh winds and overcast weather with hard squalls of wind and heavy rain, after which moderate and light winds and fine weather to arrival.

FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

(*From Hedge & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report.*) *Pagoda Anchorage, 11th December.*

December 3rd, H.M. gun-boat Kestrel from Tamsui; 4th, str. Sylvia from London; 5th, Georgina from Melbourne; 7th, str. Ho-chung, from Shanghai; 8th, Haining from Shanghai, str. Douglas from Hongkong.

DEPARTURES.

December 4th, str. Aden for Shanghai, str. Braemar Castle for London; 5th, Willard G. Patton for Melbourne; 6th, Taitsing for New York, Rebecca for Chefoo, str. Kwangtung for Hongkong; 7th, str. Sylvia for London and Hamburg, Courier for Falmouth; 8th, Schwan for Falmouth, Miss Kilmansegg for Melbourne; 10th, str. Douglas for Hongkong.

Auction Sales To-day.

BOTTOMLEY & HUGHES,
At 12 Noon,
Boats, Boat's Davits, &c.

L. A. DE GRACA, Macao,
At 12 noon,
Water Casks, Wooden Water Tanks, &c.

J. M. GUEDES, JR.,
At 8.30 P.M.,
Toys and Fancy Articles.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 of Dollars.
RESERVE FUND..... 775,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—The Hon. R. ROWETT.
Ad. André, Esq. | A. F. Heard, Esq.
E. R. Bellios, Esq. | H. Hoppius, Esq.
J. S. Cordes, Esq. | S. D. Sassoon, Esq.
Chief Manager.
Hongkong—James Greig, Esq.,
Manager.
Shanghai—Ewen Cameron, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum
6 " 4 " "
12 " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, *Chief Manager.*

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1874.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1863.

CAPITAL, £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE, BRISBANE.

DIRECTORS:
HON. F. H. HART, M.L.C., Chairman.
HON. A. B. BUCHANAN, M.L.C.
HON. THOS. MILWRAITH, M.L.A.

AUDITORS:
FREDERICK ORME DARVALL, Esq.
W. F. DIGBY, Esq.

GENERAL MANAGER:
E. R. DRURY.

BRANCHES:
BEENLEIGH.
CHARTERS TOWERS.
COOKTOWN.
GYMPIE.
MARYBOROUGH.
MILLCHESTER.
ROCKHAMPTON.
ROMA.
STANTHORPE.
TOOWOOMBA.
TOWNSVILLE.

AGENTS IN LONDON:
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON;
THE NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

AGENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES:
THE CITY BANK.
THE MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY.

AGENTS IN VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

AGENTS IN NEW ZEALAND:
THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

AGENTS IN NEW YORK:
MESSRS. LAIDLAW & CO.

AGENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO:
THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA.

AGENTS IN INDIA AND THE EAST:
THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

6m 1139] [July 21, 1874.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders was held at the Head Office of the Society, Hongkong, on Friday, the Eleventh day of December instant, at Three o'clock P.M., for the purpose of authorizing certain alterations in the Articles of Association with regard to the Reserve Fund:

A subsequent MEETING will be held on MONDAY, the Twenty-eighth idem, at Three o'clock P.M., for the purpose of confirming such Resolutions as were passed at the Meeting convened for the first named date.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

45d 1887 Hongkong, 11th December, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Half-yearly MEETING of the Shareholders of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, 1875, at 3.30 P.M.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 29th January, 1875, inclusive.

By Order,
ED. BAKER,
Secretary.

42d 2129 Hongkong, 18th December, 1874.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPANY,
Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets,
(Nearly opposite the German Club,)
Open daily, Saturdays excepted.

REDUCTION OF PRICES.

AFTER this Date and until further notice, Prices will be as follows:—

Cameo Portraits,	(if in one order) for 1 doz.	$4.00
Do.	do. for 2 doz.	7.00
"	" " 3 "	9.00
"	" " 5 "	12.00
Cabinet Portraits,	" " " 1 "	5.00
"	" " " 1 "	3.00
Portraits 8 by 6, plain,	each	6.00
" worked up and mounted,	"	10.00

Enlargements made from any Photograph (faded or otherwise) colored in oil and framed complete, ... 25.00
Views from Negatives in Stock, ... 0.50
do do per doz. 5.00
Outdoor groups at private houses on Saturdays by arrangement.
Views of Private Houses and Grounds to order, first copy, ... $10.00
Extra copies, ... each 0.50
Patrons of the Hongkong Photographic Rooms can get their servants taken at, first copy, ... 0.50
Extra copies, ... 0.25
N.B.—Suitable Colours for Dress are black, brown, and green.

During the cold season the best light for portraiture is from 10 till 1.

tf 2068 Hongkong, 19th December, 1874.

FOR SALE.

L. TAMPIER & CIE'S, BORDEAUX.

CLARET—Medoc, St. Julien, St. Estephe, Chateau Lagrange, Chateau Palmer, Chateau Lafite, Pommard, Chambertin, Graves, Chateau La Tour Blanche, in cases of 1 doz. Quarts and 2 doz. Pints.
CHAMPAGNE—Carte Noire, Carte Blanche, Carte Verte, Carte D'Or, in Quarts and Pints.
COGNAC—Fine CHAMPAGNE, Superior.

CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints, of B. & E. Perrier, Chalons.
Otard Dupuy & Co.'s COGNAC.

LANGSTEIN & Co.,
Agents.

tf 994 Hongkong, 26th June, 1874.

J. AND B. TENNENT'S ALE and PORTER.

DAVID CORSAR & SONS'
Merchant Navy
Navy Boiled
Long Flax } CANVAS.
Crown

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 1130 Hongkong, 11th May, 1867.

Intimations.

ROSE & Co.

BEG to call attention to their NEW STOCK of GOODS for the present Season, which they have just received:—

Ladies' Black Silk Velvet JACKETS.
" Cloth and Serge Do.
FUR TRIMMINGS of every description.
Ladies' Silk, Serge, and Rep COSTUMES.
Girls' COSTUMES.
Boys' SAILOR SUITS.
EDINBRO' SETS for Children, consisting of JACKET, MUFF, and COLLARET.
WOOLLEN SHAWLS,
and
SHETLAND WRAPS
in great Variety.
Eiderdown QUILTS and SKIRTS.
PETTICOATS.
Opera HOODS and CLOAKS.
French MILLINERY.
Latest Novelties in HATS and BONNETS, Velvet, Felt, Straw, and Chip.
French FLOWERS, PLUMES, and Fancy FEATHERS.
Choice designs in JET TRIMMINGS.
LINEN and FANCY SETS, Assorted, including
"The New Beaded BERTHA and SACHEL."
"The Patent DRESS IMPROVER."
SILKS, VELVETEENS.
New Diagonal SERGES.
REPS, SATIN CLOTHS.
French MERINOS, in all Colours.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Paris Kid GLOVES.
Gentlemen's French BOOTS.

HOSIERY.

Gentlemen's SHIRTS, Oxford and White.
Cashmere and Lambswool UNDERSHIRTS.
Gentlemen's Dressing JACKETS and GOWNS.
SCARVES.
TIES.
Cash's Celebrated Friction TOWELS.
PERFUMERY in variety.
Berlin WOOL WORK of every description.
CRICKET SETS, complete,
&c., &c., &c.

2020 Hongkong, 5th December, 1874.

KRUSE & Co.

NOW beg to offer for Sale their NEW STOCK of GOODS from PARIS, LONDON, AND VIENNA, COMPRISING:—

AN ASSORTMENT OF FINE PARISIAN JEWELLERY.
LADIES' WRITING DESKS.
LADIES' WORK TABLES.
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S TRAVELLING BAGS and CASES.
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS for CABINETS and CARTES DE VISITES.
OPERA GLASSES.
LIQUEUR STANDS.
SCENTED HANDKERCHIEF and GLOVE BOXES.
DINNER SERVICES.
DESSERT SERVICES.
COFFEE MACHINES.
COSTUME CRACKERS,
&c., &c., &c.
JARDINIERES.
ROCOCO FANS.
IVORY PAINTED FANS.
TORTOISESHELL FANS.
HANDSOMELY CARVED MEERSCHAUM PIPES and CIGARHOLDERS.
And
A VARIETY of FANCY ARTICLES suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
Also,
A CHOICE COLLECTION of GENUINE HAVANNA CIGARS and CIGARETTES at Moderate Prices.

COTTAGE PIANOS,
by LUNAU, LUBECK,
expressly made for the Climate.

22d 2056 Hongkong, 9th December, 1874.

CHRISTMAS BEEF.

THE Undersigned is prepared to supply FAMILIES AND MESSES WITH PRIME CHRISTMAS BEEF, CORNED BEEF, OX TONGUES, TURKEYS, OYSTERS,
&c., &c., &c., &c.

F. HUTCHINS,
Agent.

All Orders sent to J. R. WHITE, "Stag Hotel," will be punctually attended to.

1m 2111 Hongkong, 16th December, 1874.

NATIONAL CLOCK COMPANY, OF CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.

MURRAY DAVIS,
SOLE AGENT, 31 and 33, SUTTER STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,

IS prepared to fill Orders for all CLOCKS Manufactured by
ANSONIA CLOCK CO. GILBERT CLOCK CO.
WATERBURY CLOCK CO. E. INGRAHAM & CO.
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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
22nd instant, at 12 o'clock, at the Canton Steamboat Wharf,—
4 BOATS.
1 Pair Boat's DAVITS.
OARS, &c.
Ex the Steamer "Mongol."
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

BOTTOMLEY & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.

2140 Hongkong, 21st December, 1874.

MACAO.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
22nd December, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, at Lapa (Sa-cook-choy), opposite to the Canton Steamer's Wharf, the following:—
274 WATER CASKS, of 150, 250, and 350 gallons each.
21 Wooden WATER TANKS, of 600 and 800 gallons each.
2 Iron WATER TANKS, of 400 gallons each.
2 HAND CASKS, of 100 gallons each.
488 STANCHIONS and BEAMS, ... } used for berths in
546 PLANKS, ... } Passenger Ships.
2 Copper LANTERNS.
1 do. VENTILATOR.
2 Iron Stove FUNNELS.
17 Pieces Iron GRATINGS.
2 Air PUMPS.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

L. A. DE GRACA,
Auctioneer.

Royal Hotel,
Macao, 17th December, 1874. [2123

NIGHT SALE.

THIS EVENING, the 22nd December, 1874, at 8.30 P.M.
TOYS and FANCY ARTICLES,
At GUEDES' Auction Rooms, Queen's Road Central.

2123 Hongkong, 18th December, 1874.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,
TO-MORROW,
the 23rd December, 1874, at Noon,
Fancy Table COVERS, Fancy WOOLLEN COATINGS and TROUSERING STUFFS, White SHIRTS, Marble Mantel-piece CLOCKS, Gilt and Bronze CHANDELIERS, Crystal GAS BRACKETS, Dessert SETS, TOYS, VASES, PAPER HANGINGS, GINGER BRANDY, SHERRY, PORT, CLARET, &c., &c., &c.
Also,
40 Cases Pints Guinness's STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. Burke.
25 " Quarts do. do. do.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

2141 Hongkong, 21st December, 1874.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. will Sell by Public Auction,
TOMORROW,
23rd December, 1874, at 1.30 P.M., at their Auction Sale Rooms, Pedder's Wharf,—
A well-assorted Invoice of TOYS of every description, Mechanical and India Rubber TOYS, Ladies' and Gentlemen's DESKS, Dressing CASES, Work BOXES, Bohemian VASES, BRONZES, Panoramic BALLS, TERRA-COTTA WARE,
&c.,
And a variety of other GOODS suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

2142 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1874.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW,
the 23rd December, 1874, at 2 P.M., on the Premises,
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated between Waterloo Street and Pokfulam Road, and adjoining Park of Nos. 7, Police Station, West, and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 677, containing 15,225 square feet.
Also,
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situated in Hill Road West, and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 795, containing 86,000 square feet.
Lot No. 677 will be first put up for Sale.
For Further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the Purchaser.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

2093 Hongkong, 14th December, 1874.

IN THE GOODS OF ALEXANDER MACDONALD, DECEASED.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Executors of the late ALEXANDER MACDONALD, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on
FRIDAY,
the 15th day of January, 1875, at Noon, on the Premises,
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, situated at PRAYA WEST, and registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 184, containing about 32,000 square feet, with the PATENT SLIP thereon, and all WORKING GEAR connected with the same, and all the BUILDINGS erected thereon, comprising Dwelling House, Machine and Blacksmith's Shops and Engine House.
The above will be offered in One Lot, which will include the GOODWILL of the Business now carried on at the West Point Patent Slip.
And,
At the same time and place, will be Sold the STEAM TUG *Blue Bell*, measuring 75 feet over all, 14 ft. 6 in. Beam, 7 ft. 6 in. Hold, in complete order, built of TEAK throughout and COPPER FASTENED.
Also,
The STOCK, comprising:—
Copper, Bars and Plates, Yellow Metal, Round, Square, Plate, Bar and Angle Iron, Boiler Tubes, Rivets, Nuts and Bolts, Blacksmith's tools, Forges, Bellows and Anvils, Taps and Dies, Copper and Iron Nails, Brass Screws, Chains of various sizes, Steel, &c., &c.
And,
A QUANTITY of TIMBER.
The Slip can receive vessels of 1,500 tons, and has docked a vessel of 1,400 tons capacity, *and is in complete working order.*
TERMS OF SALE FOR THE MARINE LOT, PATENT SLIP AND BUILDINGS.—One half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser. On the other Lots, cash before delivery. All Lots with all faults and errors of description to be at purchaser's risk from the fall of the hammer.
Further Particulars can be obtained from Messrs. CALDWELL and BERKETON, Solicitors of the Representatives of the late ALEXANDER MACDONALD.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

2044 Hongkong, 5th December, 1874.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW,
the 23rd December, 1874, at Noon, at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—
American TOBACCO.
EAU DE COLOGNE.
Tooth BRUSHES.
ELASTICS.
SHIRTS, SCARFS, TIES, Check FLANNEL, CASHMERE, CLOTH, BUCKSKINS, SOCKS, STOCKINGS, &c.
An Invoice of FANCY GOODS, comprising:—Gilt and Alabaster CLOCKS, Lamp CLOCKS, Gilt ORNAMENTS, VASES, Gilt ORNAMENTS, PLATED WARE, &c.
To close a Consignment,—
1 Case containing about 9 Mille of Superior Manila CHEROOTS, packed in boxes of 200.
1 Case containing 6½ Mille of Superior Manila CHEROOTS, packed in boxes of 100.
8 Bales BLANKETS.
Also,
By Order,—
2 Silver WATCHES and Gold CHAINS, 3 RINGS, 1 Crystal SET in GOLD, 3 GOLD STUDS and PEARLS, 4 Gold Collar STUDS, 2 Agata SOLITAIRES, 1 Japanese BUCKLE, and 1 Gold LOCKET, belonging to the Estate of the late THOMAS WEBBY.
(For account of whom it may concerned,)—
10 Casks STOUT.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

2123 Hongkong, 19th December, 1874.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 24th December, 1874, at Mr. M. ULLMANN'S Store, (who is to leave the Colony at once) at No. 8, Graham Street,—
The whole of his STOCK-IN-TRADE and FIXTURES, consisting of a Large Assortment of EUROPEAN and JAPANESE GOODS.
To be Sold without reserve.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. GUEDES, JR.,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1874.

FURNITURE SALE.

ENGLISH AND CHINA MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 28th December, 1874, at Noon, at "BELMONT,"
the Residence of J. INGLIS, Esq.—
The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Walnut covered CHAIRS, COUCHES, Carved Blackwood Marble-top TABLES, Walnut Card TABLES, CLOCKS, CARPETS, CURTAINS, Very Handsome Gilt Framed MIRRORS.
PIANOS, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, Dining TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, BOOKS and BOOKCASES.
Brass and Iron BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, CHESTS of DRAWERS, Dressing TABLES, Toilet MIRRORS, WASHSTANDS.
1 Sewing MACHINE.
1 Handsome Hall LAMP.
1 Mahogany Cottage PIANO, by Rie[illegible]
1 Do. Do. by Collard & [illegible]
A few dozen Choice WINES and SPIRITS.
Catalogues will be issued prior to sale. Furniture will be on view on the Morning of the Sale.
Tiffin will be provided at 2 o'clock P.M.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

2146 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, under a Decree of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on
TUESDAY,
the 29th day of December, 1874, at Noon, on the Premises, if not previously disposed of by Private Contract,—
All that VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, abutting on the North side thereof on the Queen's Road, on the South side thereof on Circular Pathway, on the East side thereof on Ground in the possession of the Government, on the West side thereof on a public road, which said PIECE of GROUND is known as INLAND LOT No. 9A. Together with all the SHOPS, DWELLINGS, HOUSES, BUILDINGS, and ERECTIONS thereon.
A Plan of the Property may be seen, and Further Particulars may be obtained, on application to the Undersigned.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and balance on completion of the Assignment and Transfer of the Property; all expenses thereof shall be paid by the Purchaser.
Property to be at the risk of the Purchaser on fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Queen's Road.

2120 Hongkong, 19th December, 1874.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
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C. M. MOLONY,
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Control Office,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1874. [6d 2139

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2138 Hongkong, 21st December, 1874.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of JOSE MANUEL....., *Deceased.*
G. S. GIBSON, *late of the "Poyang,"* ...
ERNST WUSTERHAUSEN, "
TANG LIE, ... "
JOSEPH AIKEN, ... "

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 9 of 1873, an order has been made by the Honorable Sir JOHN SMALE, KNIGHT, Chief Justice of Hongkong, limiting the time for the creditors to the above Estates to *Thursday, the 30th day of September 1875*, on or before which date all Claims must be proved, otherwise they will not be included in the scheme of Division.

All persons indebted to the said Estates are requested to make immediate payment to

W. H. ALEXANDER,
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7d 2142 Hongkong, 21st December, 1874.

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"THE CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY"
For 1875.
THE Publisher requests that those persons who have not yet returned the printed forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be good enough to do so *without delay*. Any persons who have recently arrived, and to whom printed forms have not been sent, are respectfully requested to forward their names and addresses as early as possible for insertion.
Daily Press Office, Dec. 3rd, 1874.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1874.

In an article which appears in the *London and China Express* with reference to our naval and military forces in China, we observe that it is urged, that it would be advisable to withdraw the garrison from Hongkong and to make use of the money so saved in increasing the naval forces on the station. While we agree that it would be desirable to withdraw the garrison, we differ from the writer of quotation and in other in the China seas, we entirely disagree with the method by which it is proposed to meet the expense of doing so. The garrison of Hongkong is by no means so useless as our contemporary holds; and, although the payment of the £20,000 military contribution is a somewhat severe burden upon the Colony, we believe there are few residents in Hongkong who would not rather pay it, than that the garrison should be withdrawn. So far from its being useless we are strongly of opinion that it is of great value, both as a means of protection in the Colony itself, and also as a means of keeping up our *prestige* and moral influence in China generally, and on both scores, we should greatly regret to see any such policy as our contemporary advocates carried out. Hongkong has hitherto been fortunately free from any such disturbances as have frequently arisen in Penang and Singapore among the native community; but it is by no means certain that order would be so well maintained were there no garrison ready, if necessary, to turn out and quell any riot, nor can we rely upon the absence of disturbances as much in the future as in the past. Even as things are, there have at times been mutterings among the Chinese which might have ended in some breach of the peace, and there is no question that it would be a dangerous encouragement to lawless characters for the Colony to be without some means of defence. As regards the police, we could never rely upon their efficiency in the same way as we can upon that of the military, and the moral effect upon the Chinese in the Colony which is produced by police will never be one tenth of that which will result from the presence of a body of troops. It is also to be borne in mind that dangerous times occasionally arise in China, when the population is excited against foreigners, as for instance at the time of the Tientsin Massacre and of the *Shun Sin Fan* excitement. The native population, which is largely under the influence of the mandarins at Canton, cannot, under such circumstances be relied upon, and our only security in the Colony is in the presence of a number of troops sufficient to overawe those disposed to outbreak or riot. To remove the troops, therefore, would be unquestionably dangerous to the safety of this Colony, and there can be little question also that it would have a very serious effect upon our *prestige* and standing in China generally. It is notorious that so soon as the troops were removed from Tientsin some few years after the termination of the last war, difficulties began to arise in China, and all who know the Chinese are prepared to admit the effect which is produced upon them by the sight of a body of troops, which are a standing reminder that we are prepared to defend ourselves if necessary. Were the regiment removed from Hongkong, the news would spread with the greatest rapidity all over China, and there can be no doubt that it would be attributed by bigoted officials and the ignorant masses to a decay of our power and the hope that at last the day was coming when the Barbarians would be driven into the sea would speedily revive. The effect of this it is needless to say would in all probability be some serious disturbance, and the policy advocated by our contemporary would be found to be scarcely less a mistake than that which it is designed to remedy, namely too niggardly a policy in supplying naval forces on the stations. We are confident that it would, for these reasons, be a great mistake to remove the red coats from Hongkong, as they are necessary on grounds of Imperial policy; and, as respects the Colony itself, though the military contribution of £20,000 may be more than we ought properly to be called upon to pay, it would be an error to imagine that improvements in the Police Force would in any way afford the same kind of protection, as we derive from the troops, whose chief usefulness is the moral effect they produce both in the Colony and in China.

This evening Smith's Combination Troupe will give their final performance before leaving the Colony, in aid of the families of the sufferers in the *Japan* and *Mongol*. We make no doubt there will be a large attendance.

The P. & O. str. *Calcutta*, Capt. Shaller, from Bombay 1st, Galle 7th, Penang 12th, and Singapore 15th inst., bringing on the English Mail of the 13th November, arrived last evening. No other telegrams have been received than those already published here.

Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co. have circulated the subjoined subscription list on behalf of the widows and orphans of those who lost their lives in the late steamer *Mongol*. They have headed the list with the handsome donations of $100 on behalf of the New York, London, and China Steamship Company, and the like sum on behalf of themselves. We are confident that this appeal will be liberally responded to. Copies of the list will be left at the Hongkong and German Clubs; and at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s, McEwen Frickel & Co.'s, and Lammert, Atkinson & Co.'s:—

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

Subscriptions are earnestly requested for the benefit of the families of the officers and seamen who lost their lives on the late steamer *Mongol*.

It is known that many of them are left in extremely destitute circumstances, and among others the following cases especially appeal to the charity of the community:

J. Gentle, boiler maker, leaves a widow and five children.

J. Smith, carpenter, leaves a widow and eleven children.

P. Stone, seaman, leaves a widow and three children.

The undersigned will be happy to collect such sums as may be subscribed, and to remit the amount to London, where it is proposed it shall be distributed as judiciously as possible by the owners of the late steamer, in conjunction with, or under the supervision of, the Board of Trade.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, December 21st, 1874.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held at the Magistracy yesterday, before James Russell, Esq., Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. Roberts, Freeks, and Reeb, on the body of William John Adams, aged 24 years, a seaman on board H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*, who met his death by a piece of wood falling on his head.

Wm. Dalzell, a seaman, stated that on Saturday last he was at work with the deceased on board, when he was told by him to go further aft. He did so and turning round, a piece of wood on the davit near came on his head and he fell down. The deceased was taken to hospital and died on Sunday.

E. Mulcahy, surgeon on board, stated that he saw the deceased who was suffering from concussion of the brain. He examined the body and found that death resulted from fracture of the skull.

The jury then returned a verdict of "accidental death."

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

21st December.

BEFORE H. G. THOMSETT, ESQ., R.N.

THE "NINGPO."

Chas. Watson, chief officer of board the British steamship *Ningpo*, charged Chan Asam, [illegible] after evidence to the effect, the defendant was ordered to be discharged from the ship.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

21st December.

BEFORE JAMES RUSSELL, ESQ.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Inspector O'Brien charged Wong Ancheong, a butcher, with unmercifully beating a pig with a bamboo and kicking it.

The defendant, who said the pig would not go to the slaughter house, was fined $3, or 14 days' imprisonment.

STREET GAMBLING.

Leong Ating and Lo Alook were charged by Indian constable No. 658, with gambling in Market street.

The defendants said they were only amusing themselves with dominoes.

Mr. Alfred Grey identified the first defendant as Leung Akwong, sentenced to two years' hard labour on the 13th August, 1868, for burglary and larceny. He received a conditional pardon on the 29th April, 1874, under ordinance 1 of 1860, but had not been in gaol since. The second defendant was recognised as having been in gaol as a rogue and vagabond for seven days.

The first defendant was sent to six months' and the second to 21 days' hard labour.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

Wan Ling Tong, a coolie was charged by Richard Badger, a watchman at the Aberdeen Docks, with attempting to steal out of the Docks a quantity of copper nails, which he found tied round his legs.

The defendant was sent to three months' hard labour.

BEFORE C. MAY, ESQ.

A CAT CASE.

Mr. J. G. Smith, of Messrs. McEwen, Frickel & Co., charged his servant, Choy Ayee, on suspicion of stealing his cat.

Complainant said that he had to discharge the first defendant on the 15th instant in consequence of suspicion of his purloining goods from the house. The same night the cat was missing. The first defendant was to have come the next day for his wages. He came and he told he would have to find the cat first before he paid him. The second defendant, a small boy, he believed to be concerned in the robbery, as he had been seen before carrying away mince pies for the first defendant.

The defendant, it appears, had said in the charge room that if he had two days' time he would be able to find the cat.

The defendants were discharged, and advised to find the cat.

A PICKPOCKET.

H. Sutherland, a seaman on board the bark *Ardent*, charged a dirty looking coolie, named Aw Atuk, with having his hand in his shipmate's pocket at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday.

Complainant said his shipmate was too drunk to know anything about whether he had lost any money. He gave chase after the defendant from the Queen's Road to the Harbour Master's office, when he was stopped by P.C. 81.

After the evidence of the constable, the defendant was sent to three months' hard labour.

ASSAULT.

Ng Ayim, a Chinese, charged Poochan, a Malay, with assaulting him in Lascar Row without provocation, whilst he was listening to some Chinese relating the particulars of the disaster to the P. M. Co.'s steamship *Japan*.

Complainant said he had an interest in finding out all he could about the steamer, and while listening he suddenly received a blow on the mouth. He ran away, and the defendant hailed out to some other Malays, who caught him and the defendant gave him another blow on the nose, causing blood to flow.

The defendant, who said he only went out to quell a row in the street, as he could not get his meal in peace, was fined $3; in default, 14 days' hard labour.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

P.C. 608 summoned four chair coolies for behaving in a disorderly manner and assaulting him.

The first defendant was sent to one month's, and the third to 14 days' hard labour. The second and fourth were fined $1 each.

SUPREME COURT.

21st December.

BEFORE THE HON. CHIEF-JUSTICE (SIR JOHN SMALE) AND MR. JUSTICE SNOWDEN.

"THE DISTILLERY CASE"—ROBINSON v. JACK AND OTHERS.

JUDGMENT.

In this case, their Lordships now delivered the following judgment:—

This suit No. 12 was instituted by Mr. John Robinson, the sole plaintiff, against Jack and others, the directors of the Hongkong Distillery Company, Limited, and Mr. Torrey the general manager. The plaintiff's Counsel at the hearing withdrew all claim against two of the defendants, Chow Chee Bee, a retired director, and against Torrey, the manager, and the claim preferred at the hearing was against Jack, Bell, Fairbairn, and Coughtrie alone. Confining ourselves to so much of the proceedings as were raised upon the issues, it appears that the plaintiff alleges, at paragraphs 12 and 13, that (12.) "On or about the 27th February, 1873, a general meeting of shareholders was held, at which said meeting the defendant, the said general manager, and all the directors of the said Company at that time were present, and at which said meeting the plaintiff also was present, together with other shareholders. The said directors comprised the defendants, Jack, Bell, Coughtrie, and Fairbairn, who had continued to be directors of the said Company from the date of their previous election, and who were re-elected as such directors on or about the said 27th February, 1873, and duly accepted their re-election." (1.) "At the said last mentioned meeting a printed report of and concerning the affairs and position and prospects of the said Company, dated the 24th February, 1873, and a printed statement of accounts of the said Company to the 31st December, 1872, were distributed amongst the shareholders by the defendants, the said directors and general manager, or by their authority or with their consent." And at paragraphs 17, 18, and 19, of the petition he charges that—(17.) "By the said last mentioned statement of accounts a sum of $20,016.12 was represented to be the value or worth to the said Company on the said 31st December, 1872, of certain shipments of which the returns had not been received, whereas the said shipments were not of the value or worth to the said Company of the said sum of $20,016.12, and were not of any value whatever on the said 31st December, 1872, and, on the contrary, entailed heavy losses upon the said Company, as the said defendants at the time of making, publishing and circulating the said representation, or of authorizing or causing, or permitting the said representation to be made, published, and circulated, well knew, or must have known, or ought to have known." (18.) "By the said last mentioned statement of accounts the sum of $7,076 36 was represented to be the total net amount of loss sustained by the company up to the 31st December, 1872, whereas the company had at that time lost very large sums of money then unknown to the plaintiff, and which losses were not declared, and were concealed or permitted to be concealed by the defendants contrary to their duty in that respect, amounting altogether to more than a total loss of all the paid up capital of the Company on the 31st December, 1872, as the defendants knew or ought to have known, at the time they published and circulated the report, or allowed it to be published and circulated." (19.) "By the last mentioned report, dated 24th February, 1873, it was stated that 334 shares of the new stock were still in the hands of the Company, and it was also thereby represented that if the remaining portion of the new stock, to wit the said 334 shares, were taken up, a remunerative and satisfactory balance sheet would be shown at the termination of the present year, and at the general meeting last mentioned the defendant Jack, as chairman of the directors, strongly urged the shareholders present to take up the remaining portion of the shares, and stated that if the shareholders would do so the Company would be immediately placed in a highly satisfactory and sound condition, and the said shares so taken up would be very valuable and remunerative, whereas the defendant Jack, at the time of making these representations to the plaintiff and the other shareholders present, in the presence of the defendants Bell, Fairbairn, Coughtrie, and Torrey, well knew or ought to have known that the Company was then hopelessly insolvent, and that if the whole of the remaining shares in the Company were so taken up the said Company would not be thereby placed in a sound or satisfactory condition, and could never prove successful or remunerative." And by section 20 plaintiff says that, relying on the statements and representations, he took up certain allotted shares and purchased certain other shares; and he prays for a decree that the defendants pay to the plaintiff all sums of money which he has lost by reason of the purchase and acceptance of the said shares. This sum claimed was, at the bar, reduced from $9,393.50 to a total of $5,827.50, made up thus:—

1873.			
March 3.	To purchase of	32 shares	$2,400.00
„ 6.	Do.	of 20 shares	2,000.00
June 6.	Do.	of 102 shares	1,927.00
			$6,327.00
	Less by sale of 20 shares		500.00
			$5,827.00

The defendant Jack, who was the chairman of the Company, filed a separate answer; the other defendants joined in their answer.

The case was heard before the full Court on the 29th, 30th, and 31st of August last. The issues to be tried were as follows:—

1.—Was there any, and if any, what fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment of facts on the part of the defendants, or any, and which of them, with reference to the several allegations contained in paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 of the petition?

2.—If so, was such fraud, misrepresentation or concealment material to induce, and made to induce, the plaintiff to purchase shares, or take an allotment of shares, in the Hongkong Distillery Company, Limited?

3.—If so, was the plaintiff induced to, and did he in fact purchase or take an allotment of any, and what shares in the said Company, by reason of such fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment as alleged in paragraph 20 of the petition?

4.—Did the plaintiff incur any and what loss by reason of such purchase or allotment?

5.—Are the defendants or any, and which liable for such loss to the plaintiff?

Notice of an appeal having been given against the decision of the Court in the case of Whittall v. Bell, in which it was expected that points of a kindred, but not exactly similar description would be discussed and decided, the Court thought it better to withhold its judgment in this case until the legal points to be raised on argument on the appeal had been fully considered and disposed of. That appeal has been recently withdrawn.

The evidence taken in the case of Whittall v. Bell and others, raising issues in some respects similar, was by consent taken as the evidence upon this trial, and, in addition, the plaintiff Mr. Robinson was examined and cross-examined at great length, as also were Mr. Falconer and the defendants Mr. Bell, Mr. Coughtrie, and Mr. Fairbairn, for the defendants.

Mr. Rowett was also examined by consent. Mr. Torrey, one of the defendants, against whom no relief was asked at the bar, was also examined.

We have very carefully considered the whole evidence. We do not think it necessary here to analyze it. There is discrepancy between the witnesses: the memory of persons as to what took place at public meetings and in street conversations is usually very treacherous.

On the present occasion no suggestion has been made that any witness has in any respect attempted to colour his testimony. We have endeavoured to extract what actually occurred from the mass of testimony before us. But it must be always borne in mind that when damages or relief are sought by a plaintiff the onus is with him to substantiate his case.

On a full consideration of the evidence we come to a conclusion on each of the issues raised.

As to the first issue, two main questions arise, the former of which is, was there misrepresentation in the statement of account of the 31st December, 1872, "Shipments returns not received $20,016.12?" This was to the letter accurate, no account in figures of the out-turn of the shipments had been received—although letters giving the most damaging reports of the shipments had been received. We should have thought that an accountant might have inserted an estimate per contra, but we infer from the evidence of Mr. Linstead, a very competent authority, uncontradicted, that the entry as it stood, without any such per contra, was according to good book keeping. He says "the earliest day of closing any of these shipments was 31st March, 1873, all the others were closed afterward." So that, until that day, according to good book keeping, the sum of $20,016.12 properly stood as it did against those "shipments" in the statement.

Again, in the note of Mr. Coughtrie to Mr. Rowett, stated to have been received by him on the 4th March, 1873, he says that these invoices of spirits made up for shipment were charged at 60 cents per proof gallon, the nearest approximate figure to the actual cost; the advance obtained on each shipment was debited to it, and the difference between these advances and the cost, plus the charges, made the asset, that is the added shipments, at $20,016.12. This statement was elicited by the plaintiff, no one contradicted it, and we must say it was, as Mr. Coughtrie called it, "fair and straightforward" so far as the entry stood in reference to a trade estimate of value.

We are, however, of opinion that it was the duty of the Directors to have seen that in the report, required by article II of the Articles of Association, as a "Report of the General Position of the Company," there was contained some statement referring to the $20,016.12 to some such effect as this, that although as a matter of account the Company was credited with $20,016.12, yet that specified letters had been received, the short purport of which should have been set out. We hold the Directors blameable for not having so reported.

These are matters of fact as to which responsibility would arise if taken by themselves, as was the case in "Whittall v. Bell and others."

But we hold that at the meeting of the 24th of February, 1873, enough was said with reference to these shipments to induce any reasonable man to conclude that the out-turn of the $20,016.12 was a matter of very great doubt indeed, and to come to a conclusion that, when the real return should be made, the value of the shares, then at 25 per cent. discount, would be much less than even that.

The letters from the consignees of the shipments $20,016.12 were referred to at that meeting of shareholders at which Mr. Robinson was present taking an active part in the discussion. One of the Directors referred to the letters as tending to a most depreciating estimate of the $20,016.12. It was competent for the plaintiff as a shareholder to call for the production of these letters, and to have placed himself in precisely the same position as to knowledge of the affairs of the Company as the Directors ought to have been in. He did nothing of the kind. If he had demanded to see these documents, and if they were not produced, and if their purport were misstated, that would have thrown a very heavy burthen of responsibility on the Directors.

The plaintiff was thus fully warned, he was put on inquiry, he was put in the same position as if reference to these letters had appeared in the report.

This disposes of the facts as to the $20,016.12, and we are of opinion that there was no fraud, misrepresentation or concealment set out in paragraphs 17 and 18, of which the plaintiff, who was so present as we have stated at the meeting can complain.

We would here notice as a fact affecting as well the questions raised in paragraphs 17 and 18 as those raised on paragraph 19, that Mr. Jack in the most clear and decisive manner described to the shareholders present the perilous position of the Company, and pointed out the necessity of their taking up the unallotted shares, and that if they did not, something very unpleasant would happen. We can only read in this a statement that the affairs of the Company were in a very critical state.

The second question under this first issue is, was there any such misconduct as pointed to in this issue in reference to paragraph 19?

In reference to this question it is alleged that it was asserted in the Report that, if 334 shares were taken up, a remunerative and satisfactory balance sheet would be shown at the termination of the year 1873. And it is said that the chairman alleged that if these shares were taken up, the Company would thereby be placed in a satisfactory condition.

This was an expression of opinion, a sanguine, and it may be an extent unjustified opinion, but it was an expression of opinion only and an opinion, the honesty of which these very directors confirmed in the most positive way by doing the very thing which the plaintiff alleges they fraudulently induced him to do, that is to say, by each Director—each defendant—taking up his quota of shares.

Where there is a fraudulent intent there is no distinction at law between an assertion of a fact and an expression of opinion; fraud renders the man who fraudulently misstates a fact, or fraudulently gives an opinion, liable to all who he has reason to believe, would be influenced by his statements, and acting on them, for the consequences.

But in this case there is no charge of actual fraud. The true state of the Company was indicated in the discussion; the defendants acted according to their own suggestions of what ought to be done, and the plaintiff did what is often done at public meetings, he omitted to examine for himself; and this in regard to the whole discussion, we are of opinion that the Directors are not answerable to him.

With regard to the statements of what would be the result of taking up those shares, those were the expressions by the defendants of matters of opinion, which, we think, were *bona fide*, though erroneous made; and statements of opinion as to the results to arise from future actions, are not misstatements on which the plaintiff can seek a remedy, though he acted on them.

As to the 2nd issue, we are of opinion that though there was a misrepresentation as to fact in the account, and as to opinion in the Report, it was neutralized, as to fact, by the discussion at the meeting, and that it was not therefore material to induce, and did not induce the plaintiff to take his quota allotment of shares. The great want of ready money to enable the Company to carry on that business on more favorable terms and to reduce the rate of interest paid on loans was a sufficient reason for taking up the shares.

As to the 3rd issue, we are of opinion that the plaintiff did not in fact take up the 20 shares mentioned in the 20th paragraph of the petition for the reasons which we have before referred to. We are, moreover, of opinion that he took them up as a speculator, and that, therefore, he is to be regarded with much less favour than with reference to the allotment of shares which he took up. To take up unallotted shares in a Company in which a man has a large stake, in hopes of redeeming it, is one thing; to go into the market and purchase allotted shares is another thing. The one purchase may benefit the individual, the other must be beneficial to the Company in difficulties. Mr. Vaucher says he took his quota because the Company wanted money, and we have little doubt that the same motive animated all the shareholders.

Moreover it is suggested and is not improbable as to the 102 shares, the plaintiff took them up upon some notion in his mind that the supply of molasses which had been stopped would be renewed, and he bought them against the advice of one of the Directors, who expressly advised him to consult the books before making such purchase.

We decide these three main issues in favor of the defendants.

The consideration of the 4th and 5th issues consequently becomes unnecessary.

With reference to the question of costs we have had some difficulty in coming to a conclusion.

We fully appreciate that the Company being in a very critical state as to its finances, the Directors had to be very cautious to avoid, as far as practicable, statements tending to destroy the credit of the Company; but, having regard to all the circumstances of this case, although we think that the plaintiff has no just ground to seek any relief against the defendants, we cannot exonerate the Directors from blame, and we dismiss the petition, but without costs, except that it being admitted that the defendant Chow Chee Bee had retired from being a Director before the misrepresentations of which the plaintiff complained at the Bar were charged to have been made, and relief not asked against him, none could be granted. The plaintiff must pay him his costs.

We cannot understand the reason why relief was not asked at the Bar against Mr. Torrey, the manager, seeing that according to the evidence very great powers were vested in him, and that the report complained of signed by him was made by him to the Directors and Shareholders. It was adopted by the Directors as so made by the manager. He cannot have any costs of a litigation to which he has so largely contributed.

It may be that the Directors are negligent or inaccurate in the statement of the accounts they put forth, but they are not chosen for their knowledge of accounts, but for their supposed aptitude to manage the transactions of the Company. They must rely more or less on their manager and accountants and clerks; but the auditors of a Company are chosen for their supposed abilities as accountants, and in accepting his office, an auditor professes due ability as an accountant, and undertakes to exercise that ability for the benefit of the Company, it may be gratuitously, but usually for reward; and if an auditor fails to check the accounts with the vouchers, and there is error or misstatement, or if he fails to detect any fallacies in figures which a reasonably competent accountant might or ought to discover, he, if any one, is answerable for such errors to at least as great a degree as the Directors, and possibly in many cases to a much greater degree, possibly in some cases to the exoneration of the directors, or he may be answerable even to the Directors themselves.

No relief was sought against the auditors of this Company, and probably on good grounds. With reference to future audited accounts, it may be desirable that auditors should fully appreciate their responsibilities.

We have not thought it necessary to refer to cases in the course of this judgment. It seems to us, however, that Peek v. Gurney L. J. 6 E. and I. Appeals 377, is now the main guide to questions of this kind, and that in that case and in the cases collected there, the present law is to be found as to questions raised in this case.

The main ground of liability in these cases is the existence of a privity between the plaintiff and the Directors. In this case that privity existed with reference to the allotted shares. Coming to the conclusion we did as to those shares to the plaintiff, the questions as to the others followed, as it seems to us, as a matter of course.

In case we had decided in favor of the plaintiff as to the 20 allotted shares, a very nice question would have arisen as to the 32 shares bought 3 days after in the open market.

We are of opinion that the liability arising from non-fraudulent, false, that is inaccurate, statements by Directors has its limits, and that a connection, a privity, must exist, between a person acting on such false statements, in the absence of moral fraud, and the Directors, so as to entitle the person so acting, and consequently losing, to relief against the directors. This seems to us to be the meaning of Scott v. Dixon, 29 L. F. N. S. Ex. 62 and 63 note. There the report was addressed to the shareholders, but copies were offered for sale to all the world, and the plaintiff obtained a copy. That, according to Lord Campbell, constituted a connection between that buyer of shares and the Directors, entitling the buyer to damages against the Directors for losses on shares bought under the circumstances in that case.

In this case, the statement and report were confined to the shareholders; a small number of copies only was printed, the presence of the public at the meeting was not invited, no reporter for the public Press was present, and the meeting was as private as that of any partnership of 4 or 5 persons.

Under such circumstances, could the Directors be held liable to the plaintiff, as a shareholder, who went into the open market and speculated on information given him, obtained as an existing shareholder, in respect of the shares he previously held?

It is unnecessary for us to decide that question. Peek v. Gurney has settled that the proper purpose of a prospectus of an intended company is to invite persons to become allottees of the shares, or to become original shareholders in the Company. When it has performed this office it is exhausted, and the liability of the Directors for misrepresentation which arises is not transferred from the allottee to his vendee.

As at present advised, it seems to us that, changing the word prospectus into report, and that (in a Company whose report is private to the shareholders) the word prospectus may be read as report of Directors and "allottees of shares" as "then existing shareholders." They have their remedy, but in the absence of all charge of fraud or intentional misrepresentation, which vitiates everything, we incline to think that the right of an existing shareholder for misrepresentation does not pass to his vendee.

If this should be the proper construction of the law, it was only in the character of being an existing shareholder that the plaintiff could claim in respect of shares bought in the market. But are the Directors liable to the plaintiff in respect of any losses arising out of any shares other than those he possessed at the date of the report? If he acted on motives other than the report, we incline to think he would not.

These considerations are not necessary to the decision to which we have come; but we think it not undesirable to indicate the tendency of our views in this respect.

The responsibility of Directors and Auditors and others confidentially trusted by large Companies are sufficiently large and serious in themselves, as between them and the existing shareholders, and in the cases to which we have above referred, we think we see a tendency to limit the extent of their liabilities as to individuals, whilst all modern decisions tend to extend their liability to their actual *cestui que trusts* for acts of commission or omission, even in the absence of actual fraud.

LOSS BY FIRE OF THE AMERICAN SHIP "HORATIO."

(*Abridged from the "Shanghai Courier," Dec. 16.*)

The sentries on board the men-of-war, and those on deck in other vessels in harbour, the crowds who stroll the Bund after tiffin, and all others who happened in to be in sight of the Lower Reach of the Harbour about quarter-past 1 to-day, were startled by seeing volumes of dark smoke suddenly roll out from a ship moored about 300 yards from the Hongkew side of the river, nearly abreast of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.'s Wharf. It turned out to be the well-known American ship *Horatio*, under the command of Capt. Hardy. So rapidly had the fire spread and so strong the hold it took, that it was at once evident to those who first reached the ship that the only hope of saving her lay in scuttling her and as it would be unwise to sink her; where she lay in the fairway, the steam-tug *Rocket* was hailed with commendable promptitude, and in a space of time, the shortness of which is highly spoken of, the burning ship was unmoored and towed across to shoal water, near the Pootung shore, a little above the new Harbour Master's Department. Here collected an immense army of tug-steamers, steam launches, ship's boats and sampans, carrying a very large number of members of the S.F.D., parties from all the men-of-war on harbour, and many others both able and anxious to render assistance had that been possible. Every point of vantage along the shore, too, and the riverside walk of the Recreation Ground was thronged with spectators. But the only assistance that could be rendered was in the way of breaking in the ship's side passage for water to flow in and sink her. This the steam launch of the U.S.S. *Hartford* was set to do with a 12 pounder gun; but so light a shot produced little impression on the tough, massive timbers of the good old ship. After an hour had been spent in this way, the ship's starboard side was getting rather honeycombed about amidships, a party of carpenters who had meanwhile been sent for, arrived from Messrs. Farnham and Co.'s, and a raft having been towed alongside, the men got on it, and set themselves to enlarge the openings along the ship's water-line, that the *Hartford's* gun had prepared for them, Messrs. C. P. Blethen, Clark Blethen, Junco Maia, and others, directing and assisting. But as the water where the vessel lay was too shoal to submerge her, the *Rocket* was again attached to her and she was towed to a position right abreast of, and about 200 yards from the jetty of the new Harbour Master's Station where her bottom rested on the mud, it being then dead low water. As soon as the tide began to rise, the water flowed into the *Horatio*, and it was calculated that by the top of high water she should be filled up to her lower decks; and it was quite evident that by that time the fire would meet the water there.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from a Chinaman who was repairing some kerosine tins with a charcoal brazier near his having carelessly set fire to some of the oil in the neighbourhood. The Chinaman has disappeared, possibly having seen the disaster he had caused, and thought it best to get out of the way.

So rapidly did the flames spread that when in a minute or two, the captain and officers sought to leave the cabin, they found their retreat cut off. The chief officer made a rush through the flames and escaped, but was considerably scorched and burned. The Captain being scorched, also thought it better to retreat and drop out of the cabin windows and thus escaped with less damage than his mate. Some of the rest of the crew managed to get into boats, but so quick work did they make that others of them found it expedient to jump overboard. Capt. Hardy and his mate, after being seen to by Dr.—— of the *Hartford*, were conveyed to the Hospital, but their injuries, happily, are not serious. Captain Hardy's family are sharing the hospitality of a resident. It may well be supposed that the fire acting on resinous pine and dry oak, and inflamed by kerosene, burned fiercely, not with a high, but with an intense furnace-like flame. When the powder magazine exploded (about 2.30 p.m.) the mizzen-mast went by the board. Next, the main top, and top-gallant masts went blazing and hissing into the water. The foremast, with its top and top gallant masts towering their highest pitch, burned so long as to astonish people, but at length come toppling over in such a way as nearly to set fire to Farnham's raft alongside. But when we left, the stout stump of that old mainmast was still standing and dying as it were, by inches.

The *Horatio* was built in 1833; the property of the old New Bedford tea-merchants, Messrs. Hathaway; has taken a cargo of tea nearly every year from China to America, from 1836 to the present time; and it is believed, never, except once, had to pay a claim for damaged cargo. Few ships can show such a record. She has not long survived "Old Ben Palmer," who commanded her for so many years that it is difficult to think of the one apart from the other. The ship is, of course, insured, and no doubt has been a most profitable ship to those who underwrote her; so that the loss her destruction entails may well be cheerfully paid. But, we believe, her owners would willingly sacrifice the entire sum, if their "hereditary" ship could only be restored to them.

TEA ADULTERATION.

On the 3rd November a meeting of the City Commission of Sewers was held at Guildhall. Mr. W. S. Gover, their chairman, presiding. A report was brought up from the Sanitary Committee upon a reference from the last Court to them, to inquire and report relative to the sale of teas at the London Commercial Salerooms on the 28th ultimo, and stated in the catalogue to have been analysed by the "Public Analyist for the City of London, and pronounced fit for sale in this market." When this statement was read at the last meeting of the Commission of Sewers by Mr. Elias Davis, Dr. Sedgwick Saunders, the Medical Officer and Public Analyst for the City, was absent by illness, and he was afforded no opportunity of answering it before the Commission until this meeting, when the Sanitary Committee, who had in the meantime been directed to inquire into the matter, brought up their report. In that report they stated that, having heard Mr. Elias Davis and the medical officer of health at length, they found that the sample of tea laid by Mr. Davis on the table of the Court at their last meeting was not the same as that was analysed by Dr. Saunders at the request of Messrs. Hawes and Hertz; that it was not the same as was subsequently analysed by Professor Wanklyn at Dr. Saunders' request; neither was it the same as that which was advertised in the circular of Messrs. Sillar and Co., and having had laid before them a sample of that which was analysed by Dr. Saunders, at the request, as he stated, of Messrs. Hawes and Hertz, and which had been subsequently analysed by Professor Wanklyn, the committee was of opinion that such tea was fit for human food. Dr. Saunders, being in his place at the present meeting of the Commission, stated in effect that on the 19th of September last he received an application from Messrs. Hawes and Hertz, of 14, Mincing-lane, requesting him to analyse some tea which had been accidentally wetted with Thames river water, and afterwards carefully redried in a kiln. Having ascertained that the brokers so applying were of the highest respectability, and believing it to be his duty in the interests of the public to determine whether the tea so sent to him was suitable for consumption as human food, he proceeded to make his analysis. Before, however, doing so he showed the sample of tea to an experienced tea buyer, who assured him that it was perfectly good and saleable, and that he could not detect anything the matter with it. The tea alluded to consisted to outward appearance of good black tea of rather large leaves, free from coarse stalks, sweet to the smell, and without the slightest taint of damp or decomposition. The result of his analysis showed that the tea was perfectly sound and fit for human food, its hygrometrical condition was the normal average, namely, 7 per cent.; that the per centage of ash—particularly the soluble portion of it—was equal to that found in ordinary commercial air dried tea, but that the quantity of extractive matter was rather below that usually obtained from tea of the same character. Owing to this deficiency, he, for the better protection of the public, obtained an independent analysis of the same tea from Professor Wanklyn, and, finding that gentleman's results to agree with his own in every essential particular, and he having expressly stated in his report that the tea was perfectly fit for human food, he (Dr. Sedgwick) did not hesitate to certify accordingly. Dr. Saunders added that he gave no authority to Messrs. Hawes and Hertz to make any public use of his certificate, and had no knowledge of their having done so, until he saw the reference to the subject in the Money Article of *The Times*. Dr. Saunders produced a portion of the tea in question, which the Sanitary Committee reported as "serviceable and good," and which had not the slightest resemblance to the tea-dust laid upon the table by Mr. Elias Davis, and alleged by that gentleman to have been the tea examined by Dr. Saunders. Mr. J. C. Davis, in bringing up the report of the Sanitary Committee, took occasion to say he had no doubt Mr. Elias Davis was duped into making the statement he did before the Commission at their last meeting, and that the medical officer should be very careful in giving certificates in such cases unless the whole bulk was examined, and not merely a sample. Mr. Elias Davis explained that, after calling the attention of the Commission to the statement in question in *The Times*, he referred to spurious tea in certain warehouses in the City, and laid a specimen on the table containing a large proportion of iron filings. He now believed that the medical officer had been made the dupe of other parties in an unguarded moment. Mr. Elias Davis now regretted the whole transaction from beginning to end. It had been a painful subject to him, but he took it up in the public interest and from a sense of duty, after reading the statement to which he had referred. This explanation of Mr. Davis was emphatically cheered by several members of the Commission. Mr. Ashby dwelt on the necessity of a public officer of the Commission being above all suspicion, and commended the promptitude with which the subject had been investigated by the Commission. Mr. Deputy Farrar remarked that Dr. Saunders had entirely disavowed all knowledge that the certificate he gave would be publicly used as it had been. The brokers were greatly to blame in having published that certificate. The most discreditable part of the matter to Deputy Farrar's mind was that Mr. Davis had put on the table a sample of the tea supposed to represent that which had been at the bottom of the Thames, and another sample of tea which had not been certified by the analyst. At the same time he believed Mr. Davis in doing what he did had acted from a high sense of public duty. That observation of Mr. Farrar was much cheered. Mr. Deputy Lawman Taylor thought Dr. Saunders had given a satisfactory explanation, and had given moreover an assurance that in future he would take care that any certificate he might give should not be used in public. The matter was then allowed to drop.

Messrs. Hawes and Hertz have since published the following letter:—"With reference to the report of the meeting of the Commissioners of Sewers we beg you to allow us to make the following remarks:—We had received instructions to sell some redried tea by public auction. Previous to offering the same for sale, we submitted a sample of the bulk to Dr. Saunders, with a sampling order, in case he should prefer to draw his own samples. We received in due course his analysis, which pronounces the tea 'fit for human food,' and of which we enclose the original. Having paid a fee of three guineas for this document, we naturally felt

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

DECEMBER 21ST, EVENING.

Patna $610 to $612½ quiet, stock 1,100 chests. Benares $577½ to $580 quiet, stock 300 chests. Malwa $565 to $570 quiet, stock 80 chests. Imports per steamer *Anadyr* French Mail 485 chests Patna, and 60 chests Benares, total 545 chests. Exports to Shanghai, per *Anadyr*, 385 chests Patna, and 50 chests Benares, total 435 chests.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per British ship *Beemah*, for New York:—4,301½ chests Amoy Oolong Tea, 174,960 lbs.; 1,000½ chests Pouchong Tea, 28,000 lbs.; 7,980 rolls Matting; 1,000 bales Cassia, 500 piculs; 500 cases Fans, (Nat'r'l'd Palm leaf), 250,000 pieces; 91 cases Paper Fans; 136 cases Preserves; 62 cases Chinaware; 20 cases Lith: Paper; 23 bales Camels Hair; 5 cases India Ink; 3 cases Silks; 9 cases Sundries.—Total, 15,130 packages.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand, ... 4/1
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 4/1½ to 4/1½
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/2½ to 4/2½
Credits, at 6 months' sight..... 4/2½
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight 4/2½
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, on demand 222
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, on demand 230
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 73
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

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Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares.—4 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares—$50 per share, premium.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$1,475 per share.
China and Japan Marine Insurance—Tls. 78 to Tls. 79 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company.—$200 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$527½ per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$134 per share.
Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$126 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—47½ per cent. discount.
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—12 per cent. premium.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 79 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$75 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—$55 per cent. discount.
Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—37 per share.

SALES ON DECEMBER 21ST, 1874.

As reported by Chinese.

Black Peas, 600 piculs, at $12.75, by Tuck-mee-hop-koe to travelling trader.
White Wax, 2 pieces, at $86.00, by To-lun to travelling trader.
Vermicelli, 30 bags, at $7.85, by Wo-hing to to travelling trader.
Red Dates, 100 bags, at $3.15, by Kin-tai-loong to travelling trader.
Fermi nili, 20 bags, at $7.80, by Wing-yee-chong to travelling trader.
Dried Lily Flowers, 10 bags, at $12.00, by Fook-hing-wo to travelling trader.
Fungus, 10 bags, at $47.00, by Fook-hing-wo to travelling trader.
Mushrooms, 30 cases, at $66.00, by Chun-chong to travelling trader.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Established myself at this Port as MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm of
WIELER & Co.
OSCAR WIELER.
tf 2137 Hongkong, 19th December, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. THOMAS PICKERING DROWN, in our Firm, ceased on the 10th November, 1873.
E. VINCENT & Co.
Swatow, China, 10th October, 1874.

MR. COLIN CAMPBELL WILLIAMS is this day admitted a Partner in our Firm.
E. VINCENT & Co.
Swatow, China, 10th October, 1874. [tf 1689

NOTICE.

I HAVE Established myself at this Port as Merchant and Commission Agent.
A. MACG. HEATON.
tf 491 Hongkong, 31st March, 1874.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Established myself at this Port as a WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
OFFICE:—*No. 50, Queen's Road Central.*
ED. CHASTEL.
3m 1812 Hongkong, 1st November, 1874.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at this Port for Messrs. HENRY S. KING & Co., of London.
OFFICE—*No. 6, Stanley Street.*
W. H. NOTLEY.
tf 1765 Hongkong, 24th October, 1874.

NOTICE.

MR. ALFRED THOMAS MANGER has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
1829 Hongkong, 2nd November, 1874.

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Captain England, will load here and at Whampoa, (also at Macao, if sufficient inducement,) and will have early despatch for the above Port.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
tf 2000 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1874.

Post-Office Notificati

A mail will close

For Swatow.—Per *Milton*, to-day, the instant, at 2.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—*Yesso*, to-morrow, the 23rd inst., at 7.30 A.M.

For Manila.—Per *Mactan*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Samarang, Somerset, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per steamer *Brisbane*, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at 11 A.M.

MAILS BY THE "*ENGLISH PACKET*"

The English Contract Packet "*BANGALORE*" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

The Post-Office will be open until 6 P.M. on the 23rd instant.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 24th instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 24th instant without late fee.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 24th instant, will not be forwarded unless the *Late Fee* of 18 cents each as well as the postage is prepaid.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 24th instant.

Late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *viâ Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 11.30 A.M. to the time of sailing, on payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1874.

MAILS BY THE "*FRENCH PACKET*"

The French Mail Packet "*SINDH*" will be dispatched on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at noon, with the Mails,—

To and through the United Kingdom *via Marseilles*; to France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France), to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, Suez and Alexandria.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 11 A.M. on the 31st instant; after which no Letters can be received.

Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 30th instant.

Letters for Registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 31st instant.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 21st December, 1874.

It is hereby notified, that henceforward the postage on letters addressed to Denmark, when forwarded via Southampton, will be 28 cents per half-ounce, prepayment optional. Unpaid letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office, Hongkong.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having given notice to the General Post Office in London that articles of Jewellery received in that Colony are chargeable with Customs Duties, the undersigned considers it necessary to make this

Extracts.

DEAD IN HIS BED.

(BY ROBERT BALLOU.)

In his bed—that is all!
Cold—white face to the wall.
If yesterday, somewhere, to hear,
I don't think he'd friends anywhere near.
Employment—that's what he said;
Work to give him—next thing he's dead.
What did he die of, Sir? Can anyone tell?
Eh, did they think it was? Last night he was well.
Heart disease? May be. What was his name?
Don't know; didn't register, Sir, when he came.
Lose'num, they said it was, there on the stand—
No, stranger; don't reckon, he held a fair hand.
Suicide? Yes, that's what the Coroner said—
Scooped out, was what put the thing in his head.
Money? Guess not, Sir. Why, he hadn't enough
To pay for this hole in the sod, of the stuff.
Friends, did you ask? Oh, yes: sometime or other;
Reckon, of course, the boy once had a mother.
Rather rough on him, Pard, but wherever it's said,
When you're pounced out of cash, and can't count on friends
Down to the calaboose—that's where they took him;
Good enough place when a man's money's forsook him?
Fun'ral? Just you see that express at the coroner's!
County don't pay for no hearse, nor no mourners.
Well, stranger, you've got me! Can pray, if you will—
Rather late in the day, when a man's dead and still.
Strikes me it don't count, to this, under my spade;
And as for the rest of him—stranger, that's plain:
No offence, sir; beg pardon. But, strikes one as fair,
And a pretty sure way to get answer to prayer.
Better give a poor devil a lift while he's here,
Than wait till he's passed in his checks over there.

THE RAT.

Of what use is the rat to man? Well, not very much that we know of; yet a few items may be mentioned. Probably we must not attach much importance to the alleged prophetic powers of the rat—that if he gnaws a person's clothes, that person will speedily die; that if he suddenly quits a house, the house will very shortly be burned down; that if he deserts a ship, the ship is in a sinking state. A mill at Peebles was suddenly deserted by a whole colony of rats about twenty years ago; two hours afterwards the mill was burnt down. James, in the "Military Dictionary," says:—"Rats are sometimes used in military operations, particularly in enterprises for the purpose of setting fire to gunpowder. On these occasions a lighted match is the tail of the animal. Marshal Vauban recommends, therefore, that the walls of powder magazine should be made very thick, and the passages for light and air so narrow as not to admit rats." We do not know whether a cruel sport can be called a useful employment of rats; but an account is given of a strange proceeding at Rome. A large number of rats were dipped in spirits of turpentine, set on fire and made to rush down an open flight of steps near the Vatican; they reached the bottom as masses of charred flesh, amid the shouts of the populace. Rats are worth three shillings a dozen, to furnish a supply to those brutal exhibitions in which rate-killing terriers show their power. Rats are also caught for the value of the skins. There is a firm in Paris which buy the skins for this purpose. The skin is dressed into a very good substitute for beaver; while the pelt or membrane is dressed into leather so fine, elastic, and close as to be used for the thumbs of the best gloves. If anyone believes that rats are not used for human food, he must change his opinion. In Paris the chiffoniers or bone-grubbers eat them. Gipsies eat such rats as are caught in stacks and barns, and are less strong in flavour than those that feed omnivorously. In China split rats are bought as a dainty. An English surgeon of some note had them cooked for his own eating. In a man-of-war, where the rats made havoc with the biscuits, the sailors had a regular battue, and brought down numbers of them; Jack made rat-pie, tasted it, and liked it. At the siege of Malta, the French garrison, when famished, offered as much as a dollar a head for rats, or two dollars if barn-fed. During the siege of Paris, in the late Franco-German war, many tasted rat who had never tasted it before.

The fecundity of the brown rat is prodigious, and it has been calculated that if Mr. and Mrs. Rat live three years after their first is born, and if all the children, children's children, children's children's children, &c., survive, the family at the end of three years, would comprise six hundred thousand mouths. As a rat is credited with eating one-tenth as much as an average man this interesting family would consume as much as an army of sixty thousand men.

Rat-catchers and rat catching have been written about more voluminously than most persons would think. The royal ratentcher, in the time of George the Third, was immortalised in an engraved portrait. Eleven years ago a local board of health, in or near Bristol, granted an annuity of £4 a year to John Leaky, on the representation of the butchers—"for his services rendered in ridding the slaughterhouses of rats, and on condition of his keeping them away for the future." Two celebrated rat-catchers, Shaw and Sabin, claimed to have caught eight or ten thousand rats a year each. As to the modes of capture, they are various. One mode is to select a small room in the middle of a house, lay a trail of favourite food from this to the other rooms, and allure the rats with the savoury odour of toasted cheese or red herring. A second is to allure by whistling to imitate the rat-cry. And there are many others. But in truth the professional rat-catchers do not care to reveal their secrets. Many years ago the Society of Arts offered a prize of £50 for the best preparation to catch rats, but the only men who could give reliable information held aloof, as the reward was too small to tempt them.—*All the Year Round.*

GASTRIC LITERATURE.

To those of our literary friends who are anxious to acquire for their productions the true English aroma, the following suggestions will be found invaluable. A little care bestowed upon this hitherto neglected point will produce such results as shall deceive the very elect:—1st. Premising that mention has been made of a meal, let it be your aim to enlarge upon the subject to the fullest extent. Specify in detail each different dish. If the meal in question partakes of the nature of a hasty lunch, as at a wayside inn, one will suffice; "a round of cold boiled beef," which must be "attacked" and with "evident relish." Should the repast be more elaborate in its character, there is the greater scope for play of fancy. Pay due attention to arrangement: let the chief dishes be properly "flanked;" all to be "washed down with the choicest—" whatever it may be. These details having been settled, linger long and lovingly over the feast. A course of Andersonville dietetics, as a preparation to your work, cannot be too strongly recommended. 2nd. Always provide plenty of kidneys. Upon this we are reluctantly obliged to insist. An omission here would be fatal to the genuine English flavour which it is our aim to impart to your works. Tom Brown drinks hot coffee and eats kidney pie "till his little skin is stuffed full to bursting." Charles Reade exhibits to us Edouard Rivière "eating roasted kidneys with a little melted butter and parsley under them," while Tom Moore sings—

"One's erudite cutlets, drest all ways but plain,
Or one's kidney, imagine Dick, done with champagne!"

3rd. Scruple not to let your characters occasionally appear as amateur cooks. Contrast heightens effect. Coming home at daylight, "Conyers beheld some lobsters just fresh from the fishmongers. After cigarettes and 'epigrams' he said, 'My greatest achievement is a lobster salad. Let me make you one, Carrington, then we shall have an appetite for bed.'" It is also advisable to make a passing allusion to a "broiled bone." This may seem a mysterious and achingly unsatisfactory dish, but it is English, and what would you? 4th. If possible, in these portrayals arouse yourself to genuine enthusiasm. Absence a virtue if you have it not. Few adjectives are too superlative for your use. Does not Moore celebrate—

"Their glorious goose-livers and high-pickled tongues?"

And Thackeray diverges from his account of a Castlewood dinner to say, *in propria persona*, that "stewed terrapins are worthy of any duke or even chancellor." Alas! that we must say it, but the trail of the serpent is over them all, and Jean Ingelow, poetic glory of her sex, speaketh of "a glorious basin of soup, and a plate of roast beef, and some salad, and a stiff glass of spirits and water," which "delectable viands" she "could not bear should be wasted." In further elucidation of the last rule, we quote the following passage from Charles Lamb, to illustrate the tropical fervour, the ecstatic heat with which, on special occasions, your exalted imagination should flame and glow. It occurs in his "Dissertation upon Roast Pig:" "There is no flavour comparable, I will contend, to that of the crisp, tawny, well-watched, not over-roasted, *crackling*, as it is well called—the very teeth are invited to their share of the pleasure of this banquet, in overcoming the coy, brittle resistance—with the adhesive oleaginous—O call it not fat! but an indefinable sweetness growing up to it—the tender blossoming of fat—fat cropped in the bud—taken the shoot—in the first innocence—the cream and quintessence of the child-pig's yet pure food—the lean, no lean, but a kind of animal manna—or rather, fat and lean (if it must be so), so blended and running into each other, that both together make but one ambrosian result or common substance."—*Scribner's Monthly.*

FRANKNESS BETWEEN LOVERS.—One of the most essential things in all love affairs is entire and perfect frankness. Both parties should be frank—true to themselves, and truthful to each other. How many uneasy, troubled, and anxious minds—how many breaking and how many broken hearts there are to-day in which content and happiness might have reigned supreme but for a want of frankness! Repentance inevitably comes for all these things; but it often comes too late, and only when the evil produced is incurable. In love, as in everything else, truth is the strongest of all things, and frankness is but another name for truth.

Insurances.

THE VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer Books of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Secretaries.*

28d 2013 Hongkong, 3rd December, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, *Secretary.*

1m 1979 Hongkong, 30th November, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer Books of this Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

OLYPHANT & Co., *General Agents.*

tf 2036 Hongkong, 7th December, 1874.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $45,000 on First-class Risks.

A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20 %) upon the Current Local Rates of Premia will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Office.

T. G. LINSTEAD, *Agent, Sun Fire Office.*

1835 Hongkong, 26th August, 1874.

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHAS. H. MORGAN *Agent.*

1y 943 Hongkong, 18th June, 1874.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, a brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33⅓ %) will be allowed by this Agency on risks to ports in CHINA, JAPAN, the PHILIPPINES, and the STRAITS.

On risks to all other ports, the brokerage will be ten per cent. (10 %) only.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., *Agents.*

tf 131 Hongkong, 21st January, 1874.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company's Fire Department, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

1y 790 Hongkong, 20th May, 1874.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rate of premia will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1193 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 471 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, and until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon current local rates of Premia, will be returned on Insurances against fire, effected with this Office.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1174 25th June, 1872.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept *risks against Fire at current rates*, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SIEMSSEN & Co., *Agents.*

tf 39 Hongkong, 9th November, 1872.

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 717 Hongkong, 9th November, 1869.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., *Agents, Royal Insurance Company.*

tf 1780 Hongkong, 28th October, 1874.

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, call SPECIAL ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS to the low rates of premium charged for all steamer risks, besides which a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (33⅓ %) will be allowed on risks to ports in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Straits. On risk to all other ports the Brokerage will be FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15 %) only.

SIEMSSEN & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1028 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

THE SWISS LLOYDS TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY, WINTERTHUR.

Subscribed Capital,	$1,000,000
Co-insures with French Lloyd, Paris,	$1,400,000
AND WITH	
French Company, Paris,	$1,000,000
	$3,400,000

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on Marine Risks to all parts of the World at Current Rates, allowing a Brokerage of 45 %, on Risks East of Singapore, and of 20 %, on all other Risks.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., *Agents.*

1043 Hongkong, 1st September, 1874.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $60,000 on any one

FIRST-CLASS RISK,

at Current Rates.

A RETURN OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20 %) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such RETURN being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.*

333 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

ON and after this date the above Association will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (33⅓ %) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE RISKS.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

A BROKERAGE of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. will be allowed on all LOCAL RISKS.

FIRE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of $20,000.

A DISCOUNT of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

RUSSELL & Co., *Agents.*

1y 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Established 1809.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20 %.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents	1 per cent. per annum.
Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents	¼ " "
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents	½ " "

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES.

Not exceeding ten days,	⅛ of the annual rate.
Not exceeding one month	¼ " "
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months	½ " "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months	¾ " "
Above 6 months	the full annual rate.

GILMAN & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1903 Hongkong, 8th May, 1874.

NORDDEUTSCHER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.

tf 674 Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.

OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after this date the above Company will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (33⅓ %) on Local Risks only.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *General Agents.*

tf 876 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premia will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1192 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.

No charge for Policy fees.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, *Secretary.*

Hongkong, 1st November, 1871. [tf 385

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 10 days,	⅛ of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 month,	¼ do. do.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months	½ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months	¾ do. do.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., *Agents the Queen Insurance Company.*

tf 243 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

Insurances.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

EDWARD NORTON & Co.

tf 24 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., *General Agents.*

tf 951 Hongkong, 17th April, 1873.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 800,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on *Marine Risks* to all parts of the World, at current rates.

This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 15%, for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of Underwriting Business *pro rata* to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., *Agents.*

1089 Hongkong, 9th July, 1872.

Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 1958 Hongkong, 16th October, 1868.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON

ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.

A. McIVER, *Agent.*

tf Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20 % allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000, on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 1983 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Reported by Chinese on the 21st December, 1874.

COTTON GOODS.

COTTON, YARN, No. 18 *a* 24 per 400 lbs,	$ 98.00 *a*	$114.50
" 28 *a* 32 "	111.00 *a*	119.00
" 38 *a* 42 "	150.00 *a*	185.00
GREY SHIRTINGS, 7 lbs per piece	$1.75 *a*	1.85
" 8 lbs "	1.97 *a*	2.00
" 8½ lbs "	2.20 *a*	2.55
WHITE SHIRTINGS, 56 *a* 60 reed. "	2.15 *a*	2.35
" 64 *a* 66 " "	2.45 *a*	2.60
" 68 *a* 80 " "	2.65 *a*	2.80
WHITE SPOTTED DO. per piece	2.40 *a*	2.65
WHITE BROCADES "	2.65 *a*	2.70
AMERICAN DRILLS, 30 yards "	2.30 *a*	2.65
" 40 " "	3.35 *a*	4.00
GREY T-CLOTHS, 24 yds & 32 in. 7 lbs. "	1.90 *a*	2.05
" 34 " & 36 " 8 lbs. "	2.15 *a*	2.20
DYED SPOTTED SHIRTINGS "	2.50 *a*	2.65
DYED BROCADE Do. "	2.50 *a*	2.65
DYED DAMASK Do. per piece	2.50 *a*	2.65
CHINTZ "	1.25 *a*	1.60
HANDKERCHIEFS, Blue per doz.	0.60 *a*	0.65
" Brown "	0.60 *a*	0.65
" Red "	0.75 *a*	0.80
VELVETS, Black, 22 inc. per yard	0.21 *a*	0.22
" Gentian, 22 " "	0.15 *a*	0.18
VELVETEENS, Black "	0.22 *a*	0.23

WOOLLEN GOODS.

SPANISH STRIPES, per yard	0.78 *a*	0.79
LONG ELLS, *HM* Scarlet, per piece	10.00 *a*	10.20
" *HR* Assorted "	9.40 *a*	9.50
" *HR* Scarlet "	9.85 *a*	9.90
" *HR* Assorted "	9.40 *a*	9.45
CAMLETS, 88 "	16.50 *a*	17.00
" 88 "	18.00 *a*	18.50
" 8 "	19.00 *a*	19.50
" *BBB* "	20.00 *a*	20.50
LASTINGS, *DD* "	15.50 *a*	16.00

METALS.

IRON, Nail Rod per picul	3.60 *a*	3.85
" Hoop "	4.50 *a*	4.75
" Bar, "	3.35 *a*	3.40
" Wire, "	3.40 *a*	3.75
LEAD, "	7.50 *a*	7.75
STEEL, English per tub.	4.75 *a*	4.75
" Swedish "	4.80 *a*	4.90
TIN, Malacca per picul	24.30 *a*	25.50
TIN PLATES, per box	7.50 *a*	8.00
SPELTER, per picul	25.00 *a*	29.00
QUICKSILVER, English per	210.00 *a*	—
" American "	212.00 *a*	—
SPELTER "	7.25 *a*	7.50

PRODUCE.

COTTON, Shanghai per picul	$ 13.50 *a*	14.00
" Ningpo "	14.00 *a*	14.50
" Tientsin "	14.50 *a*	15.00
" Tungchow "	15.00 *a*	15.50
" Bengal "	12.00 *a*	14.50
ALUM, "	1.25 *a*	1.35
ASSAFŒTIDA, white "	4.00 *a*	4.50
" Black "	3.50 *a*	3.50
RICE, Bengal, Cargo No. 1 "	2.45 *a*	2.50
" " 2 "	2.20 *a*	2.25
" Siam, white "	1.85 *a*	1.90
" " mill cleaned "	1.70 *a*	1.75
" Manila "	2.35 *a*	2.40
" Singapore "	2.10 *a*	2.15
" Saigon "	1.50 *a*	1.55
" Bassein "	2.10 *a*	2.15
" Rangoon "	2.35 *a*	2.40
SALTPETRE "	6.00 *a*	6.25
COAL: ALFOAT per ton		
" English steam "	13.00 *a*	14.00
" Sydney "	10.50 *a*	—
WINDOW GLASS per box	3.50 *a*	3.60
STRAITS PRODUCE, &c.,		
RATTANS, Straits per picul	5.50 *a*	6.00
" Bangkok "	4.50 *a*	4.50
PEPPER, White "	18.00 *a*	18.50
" Black "	13.10 *a*	13.50
BETEL NUTS "	3.50 *a*	4.25
SANDAL WOOD Malabar "	3.00 *a*	3.50
" South Seas "	17.50 *a*	19.00
GAMBIER WOOD, Manila "	1.50 *a*	2.50
" Siam "	2.50 *a*	2.75
FLOUR, California, per sack of 50 lbs.	1.10 *a*	1.25
" American, per barrel of 200 lbs.	6.25 *a*	6.50
" " of 100 lbs.	2.60 *a*	2.75
WHEAT, Tientsin per picul	1.80 *a*	1.95
" California "	2.25 *a*	2.30
SUGAR, Canton white, No. 3 "	6.70 *a*	7.15
" Dk. Brown "	3.60 *a*	3.70
" West Coast, Dk. Brown "	3.20 *a*	3.30
" Manila, Dry White "	4.50 *a*	4.60
" " Dk. Brown "	3.75 *a*	3.90
CAMPHOR, packed "	15.00 *a*	15.75
PEAS, White "	1.88 *a*	1.90
" Green "	2.05 *a*	2.30
" Black "	1.75 *a*	1.80
" Yellow "	1.70 *a*	1.85
MUSHROOMS "	65.00 *a*	70.00
SHAWNEE, Green "	2.25 *a*	2.50
" Cut "	2.70 *a*	2.80
MUSCLE, Dry Siam large "	9.50 *a*	11.50
" " " middle "	7.75 *a*	8.20
" " " small "	5.20 *a*	5.75
VERMICELLI, Tientsin "	7.50 *a*	8.20
BEES WAX, Japan "	12.00 *a*	12.50
" Hankow "	81.00 *a*	82.00

SHIPPING IN THE CANTON WATERS.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Vessels.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Albay		Span. str	269	D. Lapraik & Co	*Sunk Onshore*
Alaska	Van Sire	Amr. str		P. M. S. S. Co	
Altona	K. Hore	Ger. str	1179	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Asia	H. P. Molsen	Dan. str	880	Ah Yon	
Bangalore	Wm. Soames	Brit. str	1178	P. & O. S. N. Co	Bombay, &c.
Bombay	C. F. Davis	Brit. str	1300	P. & O. S. N. Co	
Brisbane	Balfour	Brit. str	391	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Singapore, &c.
Carrisbrooke	Scott	Brit. str	875	Sun Cheong & Co	
Fame	Vicary	Brit. str	116	H. K. & W. Dk. Co	*Tug Plying.*
Feiwan	Benning	Brit. str		A. Heard & Co., Agent	
Formosa	C. E. Stewart	Brit. str	851	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Hanyang ‡	Bell	Brit. str	290	Master	
Kinshan ‡	Cary	Brit. str	1050	A. Heard & Co., Agent	
Kiu-Kiang ‡	Benning	Brit. str	1061	A. Heard & Co., Agent	
Mee-yee	Tisdall	Chi. str	737	C. M. S. Co	
Leonor		Span. str	393	D. Lapraik & Co	*Sunk*
Little Orphan		Brit. str	40	H. K. & W'poa Dock Co	
Maotan	Larrinaga	Span. str	312	Kizer & Co	Manila
Milton	Butchart	Brit. str	999	Gilman & Co	Swatow
Ningpo	J. M. Rayner	Brit. str	761	Siemssen & Co	
Norna		Brit. str	603	Kwok Acheong	
Ocean	Brown	Brit. str	972	Borneo Co. Limited	Shanghai
Orissa	W. H. Pockley	Brit. str	1600	P. & O. S. N. Co	Yokohama
Pawtuxet	E. Smith	Amr. str	280	Aug. Heard & Co	Macao
Powan ‡	A. H. Benning	Brit. str	1896	A. Heard & Co., Agents	
Poyang §	Carroll	Brit. str	821	A. Heard & Co., Agent	
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy		Brit. str	101	Kwok Acheong	
Yeeso	Ashton	Brit. str	559	D. Lapraik & Co	East Coast
Yot-sai		Brit. str	189	Kwok Acheong	

‡ *Running between Hongkong and Canton.*
§ *Running between Macao and Hongkong.*

SAILING VESSELS.

Vessels.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Ardent	R. Cluspar	Brit. bk	368	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	London
Atlantic	Mellin	Brit. sh	1709	Order	
Burra Noorfol	Worgitzky	Siam. bk	360	Chinese	
Callao	A. Vidanurazaca	Peru. sh	1552	Carlowitz & Co	Callao
Candelaria	Don Barredo	Span. bk	407	Remedios & Co	Manila
Cecilia		Port. bk	433		
Chateaubriand	Herve	Fren. bk	380	Carlowitz & Co	Bangkok
Charlotte Andrews	Place	Brit. bk	356	Rozario & Co	*Repairing*
Chattanooga	Freeman	Amr. bk	526	Olyphant & Co	New York
Chinaman	Mackenzie	Brit. bk	697	Olyphant & Co	New York
Commissary	Hunter	Brit. sh	900	D. Lapraik & Co	
Constance	Sutton	Brit. bk	350	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	Takao
Corinne	Thos. Laidman	Brit. bk	395	Bourjau & Co	
Dan	Holberg	Swed. bk	246	Carlowitz & Co	Bangkok, &c.
Delia	E. de Basezabal	Span. bk	386	Remedios & Co	
Delphin	Lilienthal	Ger. sch	246	Wm. Pustau & Co	Hamburg
Guilignano	L. Castaguino	Peru. sh	946	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Gloucester	Vincent	Brit. sh	526	Rozario & Co	Dunedin
H. & L.		Fren. bk	250	Order	
Jean Sands	Lefavour	Brit. sh	631	Aug. Heard & Co	
Jono	Blethen	Amr. bk	350	Captain	
Kvik	Thomson	Brit. bg	187	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Lizzie H.	Babson	Amr. bk	896	Aug. Heard & Co	
Lord Macaulay	Monkman	Brit. bk	346	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	Manila, &c.
Malay	B. P. Clough	Amr. sh	312	Russell & Co	San Francisco
Maria y Vicente		Span. bk	384		
Medora	Petrie	Brit. bk	357	Olyphant & Co	Lyttledon, &c.
Morning Light	Chaston	Brit. sh	2377	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	San Francisco
Nuweltz	Limmer	Brit. bk	376	Russell & Co	
Norsehing	Soderstrom	Siam. sh	701	Chinese	
Onward	Stimson	Brit. sh	606	Rozario & Co	
Ornate	Doughty	Brit. bk	739	Order	
Palma	Bingo	Ger. bk	229	Chinese	
Prosperity	Holler	Siam. bk	474	Fung-fat-loong	
Rapid	F. Heute	Siam. bk	429	Chinese	
Scotland	Holcomb	Amr. sch	78	Captain	
Stefano	Melodavich	Aus. bk	857	P. & O. S. N. Co	
Talee	Hoffmann	Ger. bk	335	Siemssen & Co	
Teresa	Barredo	Span. bk	261	Siemssen & Co	
Thetese	Jansen	Ger. bk	412	Wm. Pustau & Co	Hamburg
Three Brothers	Katilke	Brit. bk	369	Chinese	
Titania	England	Brit. sh	979	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	London
Vesta	R. Dirks	Ger. bk	235	Melchers & Co	
Vidal	Rondeau	Fren. bk	709	Melchers & Co	Saigon
Villa de Rivadavia	M. Camus	Span. bg	261	Brandao & Co	Manila
Witch	Murray	Brit. bk	289	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Windhover	Findlay	Brit. bk	246	Captain	London

RECEIVING VESSELS & HULKS.

Vessels.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Chase	Mather	Pw. Mag.	283	Harbour Master	
Fort William	Purchase	Hulk	1000	P. & O. Co.	
John Adam	Stroud	Hulk	318	Water Police	

H. M. S. SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Name.	Rig.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where At.
Avon	doub. sc. gun vs.	4	120	Comr. Powlett	Hongkong
Challenger	doubl. sc. gun vl.	—	—		Hongkong
Charybdis	Steam Corvette	17	400	Captain T. E. Smith	Singapore
Curlew	doub. sc. gun vl.	3	160	Comdr. E. J. Church	Shanghai
Dwarf	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	20	Comdr. Hon. Dawson	Hongkong
Elk	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	120	Comdr. R. H. Harris	Hongkong
Frolic	double sc. gun vl.	4	100	Comdr. C. E. Buckle	Hongkong
Growler	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	120	Com. W. Stewart	Amoy
Hart	double sc. gun vs.	4	120	Comdr. T. H. Royse	Singapore
Hornet	double sc. gun vl.	4	120	Comdr. Cameron	Hongkong
Iron Duke	doub. sc. iron sh.	14	800	Capt. W. Arthur	Hongkong
Kestrel	double sc. gun vl.	4	100	Comdr. Theobald	Foochow
Meanee	Military Hospital	—	—	—	Hongkong
Midge	doub. sc. gun vl.	4	120	Comdr. Grant	Tientsin
Modeste	Steam Corvette	14	350	Capt. M. J. Thomson	Shanghai
Mosquito	gun-boat	4	60	Lieut. Comr. Paul	Japan
Ringdove	doub. sc. gun vl.	3	160	Comr. Singleton	Nagasaki
Swinger	doub. sc. gun vl.	2	60	Lieut. Comr. Bolitho	Hankow
Sylvia	double sc. gun vl.	—	150	Captain St. John	Kobé
Thalia	Steam Corvette	6	400	Capt. H. B. Woollcombe	Nagasaki
Thistle	doub. sc. gun vs.	4	120